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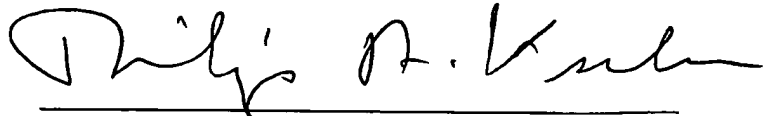
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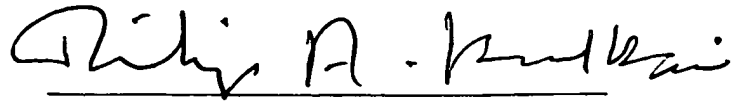
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	AD	5,802,636	Sep. 8, 1998	Corbin, et al.	5	425	
	AE	6,182,310 B1	Feb. 6, 2001	Weismiller, et al.	5	425	
	AF	6,202,230 B1	Mar. 20, 2001	Borders	5	618	
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	AC	2,257,491	Sep. 30, 1941	Armstrong	5	602	
	AD	2,290,191	Jul. 21, 1942	Karlson	5	602	
	AE	2,306,031	Dec. 22, 1942	Anderson et al.	5	602	
	AF	2,605,151	Jul. 29, 1952	Shampaine	5	602	
	AG	2,832,655	Apr. 29, 1958	Adolphson	5	602	
	AH	3,041,120	Jun. 26, 1962	Burzlauff et al.	5	602	
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RS	AS	Stryker Adel, "2100EC Childbearing Bed, Ultimate convenience and comfort", 1994, 6 pgs.
RS	AT	Stryker Adel, "500XL Childbearing Bed", 1995, 2 pgs.
RS	AU	Stryker Adel, "2100 Childbearing Bed, Service Manual", 1988, pgs. 1-28
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	BC	3,334,951	Aug. 8, 1967	Douglass, Jr. et al.	312	209	
	BD	3,411,766	Nov. 19, 1968	Lanigan	5	619	
	BE	3,486,747	Dec. 30, 1969	Cardoso	5	619	
	BF	3,599,963	Aug. 17, 1971	Grover	5	618	
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R.S.	BN	FR 636,085	Mar. 31, 1928	France			X
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	CC	4,227,269	Oct. 14, 1980	Johnston	5	611	
	CD	4,247,091	Jan. 27, 1981	Glowacki et al.	5	602	
	CE	4,356,578	Nov. 2, 1982	Clark	5	602	
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	CH	4,615,058	Oct. 7, 1986	Feldt	5	602	
	CI	4,639,954	Feb. 3, 1987	Speed	5	602	
	CJ	4,682,376	Jul. 28, 1987	Feldt	5	602	
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	DG	5,161,274	Nov. 10, 1992	Hayes et al.	5	618	
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